IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Original) A device for endoscopically deploying an hemostatic multi-legged clip adapted to compress tissue, comprising:

a ring portion adapted to fit on a distal end of an endoscope;

a plurality of legs attached to the ring portion, each of the legs being movable between an open position and a closed position to compress tissue; and

a locking mechanism to restrict movement of each of the legs from the closed to the open position.

2. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the locking mechanism is a ratchet mechanism.

3. (Original) The device according to claim 2, wherein the ratchet mechanism comprises a plurality of snaps formed on one of the legs and the ring portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~further comprising a hinge connecting the ring portion to each of the legs~~ wherein the locking mechanism is adapted to be carried by an endoscope along with the ring portion and wherein the locking mechanism is in physical communication with the ring portion at least when the legs are in an open position.

5. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1 ~~claim 4~~, further comprising a hinge connecting the ring portion to each of the legs ~~wherein the hinge is a living hinge~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 5 ~~claim 4~~, wherein the hinge is a pin and slot hinge, the pin extending from one of the ring portion and each of the legs.

7. (Original) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a catch to mechanically retain the legs in the open position.

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 5 ~~claim 4~~, wherein the hinge is a four bar mechanism.

9. (Original) The device according to claim 1, further comprising resilient devices adapted to urge the legs in one of the open and closed positions.

10. (Original) The device according to claim 1, further comprising an actuator mechanism to move each of the legs from the open to the closed position.

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10,-wherein the actuator mechanism comprises strings pulling each of the legs in the ~~close~~ closed position.

12. (Original) The device according to claim 10, wherein the actuator mechanism comprises a rack and pinion arrangement.

13. (Original) The device according to claim 10, wherein the actuator mechanism comprises a hydraulic piston exerting a force on each of the legs.

14. (Original) The device according to claim 10, wherein the actuator mechanism comprises a remotely operated sheath moving each of the legs to the closed position.

15. (Original) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a releasable attachment connecting the multi-legged clip to the endoscope.

16. (Original) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a thread forming a stitch between the multi-legged clip and the endoscope.

17. (Original) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a seal connecting the multi-legged clip to the endoscope, and a thread embedded in the seal, such that removal of the thread cuts the seal.

18. (Original) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a protrusion extending from one of the multi-legged clip and the endoscope and a complementary groove formed in the other of the multi-legged clip and the endoscope, wherein the protrusion and the groove are connected frictionally.

19. (Original) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a catch extending from one of the multi-legged clip and the endoscope, a complementary slot formed in the other of the multi-legged clip and the endoscope, and an actuator for releasing the catch from the groove to release the multi-legged clip.